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1. GDR REP OPENED OCT 25 SESSION OF THIRD COMMITTEE WITH FORMAL PRESENTATION OF HIS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO US RES ON MIA. US REP FOLLOWED BY PRESENTING REVISED TEXT WHICH HAD BEEN WORKED OUT IN EARLIER MEETING WITH COPSONSORS AND GDR. (GDR REP SAID THAT HE STILL AWAITING APPROVAL OF REVISIONS AND THEREFORE NOT IN POSITION TO WITHDRAW HIS AMENDMENTS.)

2. IN ENSUING DEBATE, FOLLOWING COUNTRIES SPOKE IN FAVOR OF RES: BELGIUM, SAUDI ARABIA, GUINEA, AND GREECE. CUBA ATTACKED MOTIVATIONS BEHIND RESOLUTION (RESULT OF IMPERIALISTIC WARS IN SEA), DOUBTED THAT IT WOULD BENEFIT SMALL COUNTRIES, AND REPEATED GDR LITANY OF SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS. (IMPACT OF LATTER GREATLY REDUCED AS REVISED TEXT THEN BEFORE COMMITTEE TOOK CARE OF ALMOST ALL GDR CONCERNS.) VERY LOW-KEYED USSR STATEMENT QUERIED WHY ITEM NOT INSCRIBED ON AGENDA AND WHY ITEM NOT CONSIDERED IN SIXTH COMMITTEE. (WE HAD BEEN WARNED THAT USSR WOULD RAISE THE LATTER ISSUE BUT NOT PUCH IT.)

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3. MOROCCAN REP INDICATED SUPPORT PROVIDED COSPONSORS COULD

ACCEPT INCLUSION OF FOLLOWING PREAMBULAR PARA (TO FOLLOW PREAMBULAR PARA 2): "AFFIRMING THAT ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBER STATES IS TO ASSURE THE AND PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY BY AVOIDING OR PUTTING AN END TO ARMED CONFLICTS." COSPONSORS SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED AND PARA WILL BE INCLUDED IN REV 2 TO BE PUBLISHED ON MODNAY, OCT 28.

4. IN CLOSING SESSION, CHAIR AGAIN INDICATED THAT SHE HOPED COMMITTEE COULD VOTE ON RES AT BEGINNING OF MONDAY (OCT 28) AFTERNOON SESSION.

5. AT THIS POINT, WE ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEMS IN FINAL APPROVAL. IF GDR COMES ON BOARD, AND THIS EEMS LIKELY GIVEN FACT THAT REVISED TEXT COVERS HIS STATED SPECIFIC OBJECTIONS AND THE SCENARIO ON FLOOR IN WHICH SPONSORS OF RES APPEARED AS IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIVE TO HIS CONCERNS, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT HE CAN PERSUADE CUBA NOT TO CALL FOR VOTE AND THAT RES CAN PASS BY CONSENSUS. STATED SUPPORT OF GUINEA PROBABLY INDICATIVE OF POSITION OF AF COUNTRIES THOUGH THIS IS NOT AN ITEM OF INTEREST TO THEM.

6. UNLESS ADVISED TO THE CONTRARY, MISSION WILL ACCEPT MOROCCO ADDITION TEXT OF RES (REV 1) FOLLOWS:

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING THAT ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS THE PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN SOLVING INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF HUMANITARIAN CHARACTER,

REGRETTING THEAT IN VIOLATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER THE RESORT TO FORCE HAS CONTINUED TO OCCUR, CAUSING LOSS OF HUMAN LIVES, WIDESPREAD DEVASTATION, AND OTHER FORMS OF HUMAN SUFFERING,

RECOGNIZING THAT ONE OF THE TRAGIC RESULTS OF ARMED CONFLICTS IS THE LACK OF INFORMATION ON PERSONS, CIVILIANS AS WELLAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMBATANTS, WHO ARE MISSING OR WHO DIED IN ACTION OR IN CONNEXION WITH THE CONFLICT,

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE RED CROSS AT TEHERAN, IRAN, ON 14 NOVEMBER 1973, CALLING ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE HUMANITARIAN TASK OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE MISSING AND EAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS,

REAFFIRMING THE URGENT NEED TO ENSURE FULL AND EFFECTIVE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 ON THE PROTECTION
OF WAR VICTIMS,

CONSIDERING THAT THE DESIRE TO KNOW THE FACT OF LOVED ONES
LOST IN ARMED CONFLICTS IS A BASIC HUMAN NEED WHICH SHOULD BE
SATISFIED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND THAT PROVISION
OF INFORMATION ON THOSE WHO ARE MISSING OR WHO HAVE DIED IN
ARMED CONFLICTS SHOULD NOT BE DELAYED MERELY BECAUSE OTHER
ISSUES REMAIN PENDING,

1. CALLS ON PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR
CHARACTER ON LOCATION, DURING HOSTILITIES AND AFTER THE END
OF HOSTILITIES, TO TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE WITHIN THEIR
POWER TO HELP LOCATE AND MARK THE GRAVES OF THE DEAD, TO
FACILITATE THE DISINTERMENT AND THE RETURN OF REMAINS OF
THIS REQUESTED BY THEIR FAMILIES, AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT
THOSE WHO ARE MISSING IN ACTION;

2. ENDORSES THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF
THE RED CROSS (ICRC) TO ASSIST IN THE TASK OF ACCOUNTING
FOR THE MISSION AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS;

3. CALLS ON ALL PARTIES TO ARMED CONFLICTS TO CO-OPERATE
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949 WITH
PROTECTING POWERS OR THEIR SUBSTITUTES, AND WITH THE ICRC
OR ANY ORGAN PRESENTING SATISFACTORY GUARANTEE OF IMPARTIALITY,
SUCH AS ENVISAGED IN THE FOURTH GENEVA CONVENTIONS, IN
PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE MISSING AND DEAD IN ARMED CONFLICTS,
INCLUDING PERSONS BELONGING TO OTHER COUNTRIES NOT PARTIES TO
THE ARMED CONFLICT;

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4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO BRING THIS RESOLUTION
TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE ON THE REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS. UNQTE.
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